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URI SERVICES

URI Safe Zone Campaign

The Safe Zone Campaign was initiated by the Committee to Eliminate Homophobia and Heterosexism in 1992. The purpose is to identify "safe" spaces in which faculty, staff, or students can comfortably discuss issues dealing with sexual orientation. Such offices and rooms are identified by a Safe Zone Sticker, which is a pink and black triangle, surrounded by a green circle, with the words "URI Safe Zone" imprinted on it. For more information concerning the campaign, contact Bill Bartels at x4784.

URI Counseling Center

The URI Counseling Center offers individual counseling for those dealing with sexual orientation issues. The Center sponsors a support group for gay, lesbian, bisexual, and questioning persons. This group runs during the academic year. For inquiries regarding the support group or individual counseling, contact Jeannie or Gary at x2288.

Health Services and Health Education

Health Services and Health Education offers a safe environment to discuss all forms of sexual questions and concerns. Sexuality, behavior and Safer Sex, as well as prevention and treatment of Sexually Transmitted Diseases can be explored in a confidential setting. HIV Counseling and Testing is available for a nominal fee - \$10.00. Health Services is open 8:00a.m. to 12:00 midnight daily, while school is in session. Call x2246 for clinical services or 792-5954 for Health Education or x5964 for Peer Educators/Speakeasy.

Supportive and Affirming Chaplains

Bill Bartels, Protestant Chaplain, 319 Roosevelt Hall, x4784,
Email: wjb@uriacc.uri.edu

Norman MacLeod, Episcopal Chaplain,
35 Lower College Road, x2739

URI Info Line

The URI Information Line has a recording with information for gay, lesbian and bisexual people. Call x4636 and request tape number 93. This tape is updated at the beginning of each semester.

Safe Support

If you feel you have been the victim of harassment or discrimination because of your sexual orientation, one of these people will be able to offer support and information:

Andrew Winters (HRL Staff), x2894
Jeannie Powell (Student), 782-1791
Bill Bartels (Protestant Chaplain), x4784

URI Affirmative Action Office x2442

OFF CAMPUS SERVICES

OPTIONS: OPTIONS is Rhode Island's only lesbian and gay news publication. It is published once per month and can be received free of charge by writing to: OPTIONS, PO Box 6406, Providence, RI 02940. OPTIONS contains news from the community, as well as a complete listing of resources available to lesbian and gay people.

Gay and Lesbian Helpline: 751-3322. This line is staffed 7:00 to 11:00pm nightly. Information, referrals, and sympathetic listeners are provided.

Rhode Island Alliance for Lesbian and Gay Civil Rights: 521-GAYS. Meets the second and fourth Thursday of each month.

Straight But Not Narrow Coalition: 847-7637. This is a group demonstrating straight support for gay civil rights legislation.

Gay AA: 438-8860 for information on all AA groups in Providence.

Alanon: 781-0044

Women's Resource Center Hotline: 874-3990

Campus/Youth Groups

Bryant College Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual Students:

Judy McDonnell (232-6389)

Johnson and Wales Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual Alliance: Karen (598-1129)

Brown University LGBA (863-3062)

Brown University Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual Staff and Faculty Group:

Jin (861-7978)

Brown University Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual Graduate Students: 863-2189

Radical University Queers United and Strong (RUQUS) - Brown University:
Stephanie (454-0753)

The Way Out: A support group for lesbian, gay, bisexual, and questioning youth: Wendy or Ann (421-5626)

Clubs

Generation X: Gay Wednesday through Sunday, 18+ on Thursday and Friday nights. Promenade Street, Providence, RI. Call 521-7110 for information.

Mirabar: Gay seven nights a week, 18+ on Tuesday and Saturday. Richmond Street, Providence.

Gerardos: Alternative Club open 7 nights a week. Allens Avenue, Providence.

DeVilles: Open 7 nights a week. Primarily a women's club, although men are welcome. Also serves full-course meals. Davol Square, Point Street, Providence.

Dinner/Cafe

Coffee Exchange: A cafe serving bagels, coffees, and a variety of desserts. Indoor and outdoor seating, it is a popular hangout for gay and lesbian community. Located on Wickendon Street in Providence.

Down-City Diner: A popular dining spot and Sunday brunch. Located on Westminster Street in Providence.

URI GAY, LESBIAN, BISEXUAL, TRANSGENDER

RESOURCE GUIDE 1996

The University of Rhode Island prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, sex, age, color, creed, national origin, or sexual orientation, and discrimination against disabled and Vietnam era veterans in the recruitment, admission, or treatment of students; the recruitment, hiring, or treatment of faculty and staff; and the operation of its activities and programs.

From the Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Association and the Committee to Eliminate Homophobia and Heterosexism...

We are excited to offer this resource guide to the URI community. During the past few years, the number of resources for gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgendered persons has increased dramatically, making it necessary to have a comprehensive directory for URI organizations as well as important organizations from other schools and the community. This is a "first", and it is dedicated to all of those from the URI community who have given their time and effort to creating a safe campus for lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgendered people. We send a special thank you to Michelle Eaker, Memorial Union Student Activities, for the technical assistance that made this brochure possible.

From the President, Dr. Carothers

Dear Friends,

A learning community like the University of Rhode Island can only accomplish its mission in an atmosphere free from bias and bigotry. The open exchange of views and the acceptance of diverse individuals and groups for what they bring to the community are characteristics we seek to enhance. The resources outlined in this guide will lead you to people and programs committed to that goal. I urge you to get to know them and to make use of the services and counsel they offer.

Campus Organizations for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgendered Persons

Committee to Eliminate Homophobia and Heterosexism (aka -H&H Committee)

Contact:

Bill Bartels, Protestant Chaplain, Roosevelt Hall x4784,
Email: wjb@uriacc.uri.edu

Mary Cappello, Dept. of English, Independence Hall
x4678, Email: weye101@uriacc.uri.edu

Meetings: Alternating Fridays,
12:00 Noon, Room 202, Memorial Union

Statement of Purpose: *The committee is comprised of students, staff, and faculty of all sexual orientations. We are working together to eliminate oppression, harassment, and discrimination directed toward gay men, lesbians, and bisexuals at the University and in our society. We are engaged, through education and advocacy, in an endeavor to ensure that the university lives up to its own antidiscrimination policy.*

Through the sponsorship of programs that encourage openness, understanding, and discussion, we wish to create an atmosphere that respects the dignity and right of everyone to lead a life free of fear and harassment. All are welcome and encouraged to attend the meetings of the committee.

Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual Association (GLBA)

Brent Rheinhard and Aletha Taber,
Room 130 Memorial Union X5480

Meetings: Thursdays, 8:00pm,
URI Women's Center, Plains Road.
Contact x5480 for specific dates.

The GLBA is a student-run organization focussing on needs relevant to the gay, lesbian and bisexual communities at URI. Students meet weekly to discuss current events as well as issues of interest to the group. We also focus on the social needs of lesbigay students by offering potluck dinners, movie nights, and parties throughout the year. The GLBA also is a cosponsor of "OUTFLICKS", the URI Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual Film and Speaker series.

Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual Graduate Student Association

Contact:

Graduate Student Association, Room 303,
Memorial Union, x2339

The URI GLB GSA is a social group for graduate students of all sexual orientations. It is recognized by the Graduate Student Association.

Faculty, Staff, and Graduate Students

Contact:

Andrew Winters, Residential Education,

Roger Williams, x5162

Lois Cuddy, Department of English,
Independence x5931

Jeannie Powell, Department of Psychology,
306 Chafee

Meetings: Socials are held once per month on Friday, 4:30 to 6:00pm, at the University Club on Upper College Road. Social dates for the year are: February 16, March 15, April 12, and May 10. Contact one of the above individuals for other activities. This social organization works to provide opportunities for faculty, staff, and students to meet and work together for common goals.

Telecommunications Information

Electronic Mail: There is an email address to which requests for any person or organization can be sent. It is: ghm101@uriacc.uri.edu.

GLBA-L: This is a discussion list available through the mainframe computer system. Membership is by subscription only. To subscribe, send an email message to LISTSERV@uriacc.uri.edu. In the body of the message, type: SUBSCRIBE GLBA-L, followed by your full name. You will be subscribed automatically and will be able to participate in the discussion and information network. Messages posted to the system will be posted to your mail account. To send a message to GLBA-L, just send mail to GLBA-L@uriacc.uri.edu.

GLBA Bulletin Board: This is a discussion bulletin board available through the telec system on the mainframe computer. To subscribe, type TELECSURI GLB. The bulletin board offers a forum for discussion and information-sharing. To post a message, type: TELECPURI GLB. To read messages, type: TELECRURI GLB.